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SENATOR SAVAGE: Senator Hasebroock.

SENATOR HASEBROOCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature LB 236 involves a crewel of credits under the school employees retirement system during the period from its inception on July 1, 1945 until the cut-off date for eligibility for prior service credits of July 1, 1951. The bill provides that any employee who has been employed by the Omaha Teachers Retirement System may count such service for purposes of obtaining prior service credits. This bill is motivated by the problem of a teacher who was in the Nebraska system and went to the Omaha system, and finally returned to the Nebraska system. Because of the period under the Omaha system covered by the interval from July 1, 1945 to July 1, 1951, technically this teacher lost all prior service credits under the Nebraska system for service prior to July 1, 1945. The impact of LB 236, the fiscal impact, is negligible to the state. However, the impact of a few individuals who are adversely affected is large. No abuses are created by this bill since no one would receive duplicate credits for the same period of service. Appearing in support of LB 236 were Senator Jerome Warner, Mrs. Helen Garner, and Paul Bels of N.S.E.A. No one appeared in opposition. Senator Warner brought this bill to the Retirement Systems Committee and it was introduced at his request. One amendment to the bill was proposed by the N.S.E.A. This amendment would advance the date of July 1, 1951, on page 3, to line 3, September 30, 1951. This would permit new teachers who started with the 1951 school year and who were not aware of the July 1, 1951 deadline to obtain prior service credit. There are some teachers who have taught previously and had a break in service for duty in the armed forces. Apparently, there are a few teachers for whom this is a problem. The amendment appears to be corrective in nature and insignificant in its fiscal impact. Therefore, the amendment was adopted by the committee and the bill was advanced to General File as amended by a vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent and not voting. I move that LB 236 be advanced to E & R initial.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Any further discussion? If not, the question is to advance LB 236, as amended, to E & R initial. Indicate your vote please. Have you all voted? Record the vote Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on motion to advance.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Bill is advanced. LB 75.

CLERK: Read bill.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Chair recognizes Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Speaker, LB 75 clearly delineates, for the purposes of this bill, what smoking entails. It says smoking, for the purposes of this section, shall mean the inhaling, exhaling, or carrying of a lighted cigar, cigarette, pipe, or any other smoking materials. This covers not only tobacco but any other material which may be smoked in a public place. The other option in this piece of legislature requires that the owner or proprietor of a building shall place in the elevators, not all the places where no smoking is allowed but only in the elevators. This is a small expenditure for an owner. Some of the owners currently are doing this. I